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Oppose SB 0016

We strongly oppose SB 0016

As the owner and general manager of Blue Trail Range Corporation, we strongly oppose SB 0016, An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime. The proposed bill further restricts the rights of legal firearms owners in the State and does nothing to address the on-going issues relating to crimes being committed by juveniles. This bill proposes further unnecessary licensing requirements on firearms dealers in Connecticut. Currently, dealers are licensed by their local municipality along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). They are required to follow both State and Federal laws pertaining to the sale, purchase, and transfer of firearms. Dealer are required by state statute to abide by a multitude of requirements including alarm systems, signage, and documentation. Further licensing requirements are unnecessary and have the potential to allow future regulations that would financially harm small business owners.

Blue Trail Range Corporation has been an institution in central Connecticut since 1945. We are members of the Better Business Bureau, area Chamber of Commerce and have an excellent relationship with the community. We provide safety training in firearms to thousands of Connecticut residents, offer opportunities to learn and enjoy the shooting sports and assist consumers to make informed and appropriate purchases for their needs. This bill would do nothing to prevent crime but would have a negative fiscal impact on another Connecticut small business.

Respectfully,
Deborah Lyman, Owner, and President
Kyle Overturf, General Manager

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